

## Summary of the Water Quality Partnership for July 19, 2001

1. Update on stormwater funding - Melodie Selby handed out a draft strategy of how the \$1 million will be spent within the budget provisos. Specifically, the funds need to address development of the eastern Washington stormwater manual, provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions, and increase implementation of the department's existing program. A link to the handout is at the following address:  
([http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07\\_19\\_01/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07_19_01/index.html)).
2. Columbia/Snake TMDL – Dave Peeler presented a handout which contained the press release, agendas and fact sheet for the upcoming public workshops on the multi-agency/state project (Washington, Oregon, Idaho and EPA) regarding the temperature and dissolved gases TMDL for the Columbia and Snake rivers. There was limited discussion regarding what roles each of the agencies might take. The link to that information is at the following address: ([http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07\\_19\\_01/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07_19_01/index.html))

Dave also handed out the press release from NAS regarding their findings on TMDLs.

3. PRZM model presentation – Laurie Morgan presented the results of a pilot project in which she applied PRZM (Pesticide Root Zone Model) to the Columbia Irrigation project area. This was done under contract to the state Department of Agriculture to see if the model could be used for a required vulnerability assessment as part of the state pesticide management plan. A link to her presentation is at the following URL  
([http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07\\_19\\_01/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07_19_01/index.html)).
4. Update on implementation of aquatic pest control strategy for addressing the Talent decision – Kathleen Emmett provided an update. This included notifying applicators of the need for a NPDES permit. This has been done through meetings and a notification in the short-term modification application forms. Ecology intends to develop a general permit for aquatic pest control. A schedule for developing the permit was provided. A link to her presentation is at the following URL ([http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07\\_19\\_01/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07_19_01/index.html)).
5. 2000 Compliance Report – Stephen Bernath presented the highlights of the 2000 compliance report. The link to that presentation can be found at ([http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07\\_19\\_01/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07_19_01/index.html)). Two comments for improvement in the next report were to identify whether the municipal violators were mostly PUDs, large or small municipalities. And also to identify the particular industries, that are in violation for the industrial violators. It was asked if the increase in 5 or more facilities were in proportion to the increase in monitoring requirements. In the case of municipal facilities there was a 3% increase in monitoring requirements. The compliance rate remained the same at 97%, the total number of facilities reduced by 1% to 312, and the number of facilities with 5 or more violations increased by 5%.

The industrial facilities had an increase in 10% for monitoring requirements, the compliance rate remained approximately 97-98%, but the number of facilities with 5 or more violations

increased from 15% in 1999 to 24% in 2000. This includes a overall decrease of permitted facilities by 10%.

6. Water quality standards update after the June workshop on use-based standards and bull trout distribution – Dave Peeler Provided an update of the work on water quality standards. Ecology still continues to review all the public comment received during the workshops in January and will review Ecology's proposals for standards. Dave made a commitment to provide a summary of the comments received and identify what changes may be made as a result.

The June workshop resulted in general agreement on using a use-based approach. But still a need to be clear on what tools will be available to adjust the system for natural conditions and uses.

A updated rule adoption schedule was also handed. A link to the handout provided by Dave is at ([http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07\\_19\\_01/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07_19_01/index.html)).

7. Regional Temperature Project update – Dave Peeler provided a handout (find link at [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07\\_19\\_01/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07_19_01/index.html)) identifying some of the issues surrounding the regional temperature work. He described some of the options that are currently on the table. He provided the website where you can find the issue papers developed during the discussions. He also provided the schedule for the project. There was discussion about how this work will meld into Washington's rules adoption process for temperature (the schedules are intertwined). There was also discussion on how stakeholders may be able to influence the process, since this is primarily a state and federal project. Dave encouraged stakeholders to let Ecology know what their concerns were and that Ecology would share that information with the other states and EPA during the project.
8. Update on the final 303(d) listing policy – Nora Jewett – Nora provided a summary handout on the direction Ecology is headed on the policy. See handout link at [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07\\_19\\_01/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07_19_01/index.html)). There was discussion regarding the comments that had been submitted on the listing policy. Nora committed to summarizing the comments and distributing that summary to stakeholders.
9. Presentation on the first year results of implementation of the non-point plan – Bill Hashim – Bill provided a summary handout of the progress on implementing the non-point plan. (See presentation link at [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07\\_19\\_01/index.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/partnership/07_19_01/index.html)) Particularly he focused on implementation of the Nonpoint Workgroup and the Final Offer List for monies for direct implementation of projects by state agencies.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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